

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the AGM held on 20 June 2013

1. Attendance

The meeting was attended by Norman Wedley (Chairman), Francis Bowers, Patrick Ribbands, Norman Hutchinson, Paul Kemp, John Bygrave, Marcus Misson, John Dunn, Phil Turp, Paul Spencer, Chris Russell, Paul Hanks.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from K Clark.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 14 June 2012

The minutes were summarised and approved.

4. Matter arising

- The proposed website name change to had been effected.
- A statement explaining ECF membership requirements had been issued to all clubs
- A Ellis had been willing to serve as captain but in the event, there was no Under-140 county competition.

5. Reports of Association officers for 2012/13

League Secretary : Sadly, the league collected 32 defaulted games. Some were due to unfortunate circumstances but several matches went unplayed due to a congested fixture list. Royston won Division 1 clearly ahead of Peterborough. Division 2 had much closer fought with New England B eclipsing Warboys B by the narrowest of margins. The Fenland Trophy was also won by Royston over Warboys whilst in the Fenland Plate final, Cambridge Boffins beat Peterborough. Active website management had been a great help throughout the season.

Tournament Secretary : Twenty entrants contested the County Individual Championship despite the fee increase to £30 (£20 for ECF members). C Davison tied with R Ilett for the title. O Akito won the Junior title. The event was held in Yaxley and I Garrett acted as controller. A small financial loss of £5 was incurred though some engraving was still required. The next competition was scheduled for 2-3 November at Fenstanton.

Team 550 Organiser : In the play-off, Royston and Warboys White Capes drew 2 – 2 and the tie-break procedure was being examined by the Disputes Committee. A rule clarification was to be considered to avoid the problem.

Special Events Organiser : The South continued their winning streak in the annual match against the North at the start of the season whereas the Jamboree was won for the first time by Cambridge. Two Rapidplays were held during the year. The autumn event in Whittlesford attracted 100 players. Prizewinners were R Tozer in the Open (and the Jack Taylor trophy), five players including P Turp, M Dunkley and M Lim in the Major while P Spencer had a perfect score in the Challengers' section. 54 contests participated in April at Peterborough which was a fall on the previous year and caused a financial loss. A Timosenko won the Open; C Davison and M Goodger shared the Major and the Challengers' section went to P McMahon. Overall, the two tournaments roughly broke even but the continued viability of the Peterborough leg must be in doubt due to market saturation from other rapidplay events in the city organised by S Rahman. In view of £1000 fixed costs, holding the event and its timing must be reviewed at the ECM. Thanks were given to all helpers and to P Kemp for his organisation. M Connolly won the Cambridgeshire Grand Prix.

Junior Organisers : Cambridge Junior Chess and Go Club had been rewarded with a board and chess clock by the ECF award for their efforts in junior chess. Ninety schools had been contacted highlighting the junior prizes in the County Championship. There was only one negative response and the County Council did not consider chess to be within their remit. With the departure of J Briginshaw from the area, there had been no progress on formulating a child protection policy.

Action P Hanks : Circulate ECF policy for discussion at ECM.

County Team Captains : The Open Team started with a loss and a draw but could not muster the narrow wins in the final matches that would Have allowed them to progress from its EACU group. C Davison

took charge of the Under-180 team and reached the final against Lancashire. The Under-160 team won the EACU championship which included Hertfordshire but lost to Warwickshire in the quarter-final of the national stages. The Under-100 beat Norfolk but could not raise a team for the next round.

Website coordinator : Commercial hosting of the website was in place and resulted in better downtime. A new version would be launched soon and P Turp welcomed ideas for the upgrade though improved transfer of results to the grading officers was planned – submission by both team captains was recommended to ensure data integrity. The old domain name (cambschess.co.uk) becomes free in September and approval was given for the funds to acquire the additional name.

ECF & EACU delegates : ECF funding was a major topic but higher than expected membership numbers should result in no subscription increase. Charitable status is under investigation and may require separation of the professional game. The EACU was exercised by missing trophies.

6. Report of the Treasurer and Adoption of the 2012/13 Accounts

The Association had incurred fines for the default in the county championships and had not quite recovered match costs. Publicity costs for the tournaments were running at a high level and consideration should be given to advertising through the clubs. The profit currently of £22-69 would be reduced by some website costs but thanks to previous Rapidplays, finances remained healthy and no increase in fees was envisaged.

7. Election of Officers for 2013/14

The following officers were elected:

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Chairman	Norman Wedley	Paul Kemp	Norman Hutchinson
Vice-Chairman	Chris Russell	Paul Hanks	Paul Kemp
Secretary	Paul Hanks	Phil Turp	Chris Russell
Treasurer	Norman Hutchinson ¹	Marcus Misson	Chris Russell
League Secretary	Paul Kemp	Paul Hanks	Norman Hutchinson
Team 550 Organiser			
Special Events			
County Championship	Francis Bowers	Phil Turp	Paul Hanks
Junior Organiser ²	Francis Bowers	Chris Russell	Phil Turp
Match Captains ³ : Open	Francis Bowers	Marcus Misson	Patrick Ribbands
U160	Patrick Ribbands	Paul Kemp	Marcus Misson
Website Co-ordinator	Phil Turp	Paul Kemp	Norman Hutchinson
Grading Officers	Patrick Ribbands Chris Russell	Paul Kemp	Paul Hanks
Auditor	Paul Kemp	Chris Russell	Norman Hutchinson
ECF Delegate	Marcus Misson	Paul Kemp	Francis Bowers
EACU Delegates	Norman Wedley Paul Hanks Francis Bowers	Marcus Misson	Paul Kemp

1 Norman Hutchinson stated his intention that 2013-14 would be his last term in office and would relinquish the post in mid-season if a volunteer replacement came forward. Action P Turp : Check if previous auditor R Burbage is interested.

2 Action P Ribbands : Investigate the junior chess activity around Cambridge and if there is a willing organiser from that area

3 Other match captains to be appointed when the EACU competition format becomes known.

8. Any Other Business

Trophies : The following trophies were presented :

Trophy	Winner	Received by
Division One	Royston	Paul Kemp
Division Two	New England	Paul Spencer
Jamboree	Cambridge	Patrick Ribbands
Fenland Trophy	Royston	Paul Kemp

Rule Changes : Rules for the Fenland Trophy had never been formalised. A draft was proposed by the Team Competitions Secretary and accepted subject to the word “only” being added to the last sentence.

Action P Kemp : Forward amended rules for display on the CCCA website.

A change was proposed and approved to reflect the issue of an interim grading list. Rule 19 would read :

Teams shall play in order of strength. Generally this will be ECF grade order according to the summer grading list, but a tolerance of fifteen grading points will be permitted to allow for differences in form to be reflected in the board order. Captains may exercise this tolerance without the need to justify it to the opponents

To align with FIDE, a change was proposed to Rule 33. After discussion, the following wording was approved :

To win a game on time, a player must claim such a win and must be able to checkmate his opponent by any possible series of legal moves. The game will be declared a draw if the player whose flag has not fallen is unable to deliver checkmate. The game will be declared a draw if both flags have fallen and it is not possible to ascertain which fell first.

Publicity and Recruitment : Increased advertising had been undertaken on public noticeboards around Peterborough.

Action P Turp : Investigate use of Twitter/Facebook though continuous input would be required.

Early start : To avoid fixture congestion late in the season, it was proposed that teams not subject to promotion or relegation uncertainties should start matches in mid-September. There were no objections.

Travel equalisation : By a vote of 4 to 3, it was agreed that the home and away teams in later rounds of the Fenland Trophy should be chosen on the basis of equalising travel mileage.

ECM date and venue : Subject to confirmation by John Bygrave, the ECM is due to be held on Thursday 12th September 2013 at Godmanchester Comrades Club (entrance in St Anne's Lane). Godmanchester were thanked for allowing their venue to be used for this meeting.

PAUL HANKS

Association Secretary